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**TWO SWAINSBORO MEN CONVICTED OF CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE  
MORE THAN 5 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE**

**SAVANNAH, GA:** Lisa Godbey Wood, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced today that Timothy L. Worthen, 24, and Hubert Artis, Jr., 36, both of Swainsboro, Georgia, were convicted today by a federal court jury in U.S. District Court in Augusta of one count of conspiracy to distribute over 5 kilograms of cocaine and one count of possession with intent to distribute over 500 grams of cocaine.

Worthen faces a mandatory term of imprisonment of twenty years to life on the conspiracy count and ten years to life on the possession count. Because of his prior drug convictions, Artis faces a mandatory life sentence on the conspiracy count and a sentence of ten years to life on the possession count. A pre-sentence investigation will be conducted before a sentencing date is scheduled.

The case was investigated by Special Agents Brian Ozden and Paul Kubala of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Special Agent Mike Marbert of the Drug Enforcement Administration. The United States was represented by Assistant United States Attorney Stephen K. Marsh and Assistant United States Attorney Jay S. Weimer of Augusta.

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